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1. AS WE EMPHASIZED IN CARACAS REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT WE MAINTAIN A MILITARY ASSISTANCE PRESENCE IN VENEZUELA. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT FOR THE NEW UNIT TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN VENEZUELA IT SHOULD CONSIST OF NO LESS THAN EIGHT PERSONS. WE ENVISION TWO OFFICERS PER SERVICE--ARMY, NAVY (INCLUDING MARINE CORPS) AND AIR FORCE--AS WELL AS TWO OFFICERS TO WORK AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LEVEL (ONE OF WHOM WOULD COMMAND THE MILGP.)

2. VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS INFORMED US INFORMALLY THAT IT IS ALSO STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE USG MAINTAINING A MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP HERE. VENEZUELAN HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME PLANNING, WITH A VIEW TO IMPENDING REDUCTIONS IN MILGP STAFFING, AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT A USG MILITARY GROUP CONSIST OF 12 PERSONS.

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3. I STRESS AGAIN, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE MINIMUM

TO DO AN EFFECTIVE JOB IN VENEZUELA IS EIGHT. PERHAPS THIS
STRUCTURE, WHICH WE HAVE EXAMINED CLOSELY, MAY HAVE
BROADER APPLICATION FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE MILGP
NEEDS EXCEED SIX.
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